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Testimony in Support of

S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'

Before the Education Committee

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As a parent of a 7th grade students at Saint Timothy Middle School, I fully support S.B. No. 318. Our school is very important to us and to the community at large. It is of the utmost important that all students have access to Catholic Schools. More so in light of declining demographics in our state and recent school closures. A good example of access would include bus transportation.

Another example would allow reimbursements to towns who voluntarily provide inter-district transportation to students in Catholic schools that live out of town. This would be beneficial to towns, schools and families. Transportation and reimbursements are essential to keeping our schools open, viable and accessible to students.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

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